Hope Lutheran Church Newsletter

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October 2023

#### **WELCOME HOME!**

INSPIRING WORSHIP IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAM CHILDREN'S CHURCH DURING WORSHIP

You are invited to Hope every Sunday at 10 am to join us in a combined worship with



Contemporary and Traditional songs and liturgy.

#### **FESTIVAL OF ALL SAINTS**

#### November 6

All Saints Sunday is when we remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died in the past year. We remember them with open hearts, their



lives and their love. On All Saint's Sunday it is Hope's custom to light a candle in memory of each loved one who has entered life eternal since the last All Saints' Sunday of November 6, 2022 to current the Sunday of November 5, 2023. Please fill out an

All Saints form found on the lobby counter which are due on Sunday, October 29th. If you would like to share a picture on the screen when we call each name, please send the name and your favorite picture electronically to <a href="mailto:audio@hopeonrock.org">audio@hopeonrock.org</a> or <u>jivins1@mac.com</u> or loan us a picture by Sunday, October 29, 2023 for us to scan and return to you. See Ruth Oehler with any questions. Also, call Ruth 513-741-9610 or email me at ruth21468@gmail.com. Ruth Oehler, Altar Guild

#### **GET CONNECTED TO HOPE!**

Ever want more information what happening at Hope? There are many ways to get connected to Hope's activities. Check us out on



Facebook https://www.facebook.com/ hopeonbluerock - and be sure to like us and check in! Also check Hope's website regularly https:// www.hopeonbluerock.org for information on events, ways to make donations, a handy up-to-date Google calendar, photo albums, and much more!

**Pastor Christie** 

#### **Generosity Commitment Sunday** "Abundant Life" October, 22

Generosity Commitment

Each year in October, we begin to look toward the coming year, prayerfully considering our contributions to Hope through time, talents, and financial commitments. This



theme is "Abundant Life," based on John 10:10 "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

As you begin now to prayerfully consider your contributions for 2024, the Generosity Committee invites you to reflect on all of the many ways that Jesus gives us this "Abundant Life" every day. Look/listen for announcements and materials beginning Oct. 15. And join us on October 22nd for Commitment Sunday, when we will celebrate the ways God's abundance has shaped our community. as well as the ways we seek to continue sharing that abundance with the world. If you're ready to get started now, check out this year's prayer, and materials at theme. https:// www.hopeonbluerock.org/generosity/ We thank you as always for your continued support of Hope Lutheran Church and God's work in our world.

**Generosity Team** 

#### **HOPE'S BONFIRE NIGHT** NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023**

5:00 PM-8:00 PM



Fun for all ages! Hot dogs, s'mores, singing around the

## come and join in for smoke filh.

campfire, games for kids.

Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship Chair

#### PR. CHRISTIE'S CORNER

#### Here I Am

Moses was watching sheep. He was tending the flock of his father-in-law, going about what was probably a fairly ordinary day. And he saw a burning bush. Hopefully this was an unusual site all by itself, but what made it more unusual was that the flames were not



consuming the bush as they burned. Then Moses talked to himself, or to the sheep, and he said, "'I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up'. When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.""

Aside from the burning bush, there are 3 critically important parts to this short narrative:

- 1) Moses noticed the bush and turned aside.
- It was only after Moses turned aside that God called to him.
- 3) Moses responded to God, "Here I am."

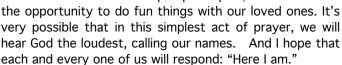
It can be easy, in the midst of our busy lives, to miss things around us. Hopefully we would notice a burning bush, but what are some other things we often fail to notice? Things like the smile of a child, the sound of the birds, or the feeling of the wind on our faces. God has created the natural world all around us, and has given us the gifts of the people in our lives, and yet we often fail to notice the presence of this beauty.

Author Barbara Brown Taylor writes, "The practice of paying attention is as simple as looking twice at people and things you might just as easily ignore." It can often be in that time of "paying attention," or "looking twice," that God calls to us. Maybe, just like with Moses, God is waiting to see if we notice.

I have been focusing quite a bit on prayer in my personal study time, in preparation for our Bible Study series on prayer. And I believe one of the best ways to begin a discipline of prayer in our lives is to simply pay attention. This can mean noticing God's creation – a raindrop, a leaf, a strange looking insect - and turning aside to look at it. Or, spending time truly in the moment with the people

(and animals!) we love, without thinking about the next thing on our to-do lists.

As fall begins, I challenge us all to take time to notice. Notice the cooler air, the leaves and the smells of pumpkin spice,



May God bless you this autumn and always, Pastor Christie

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III Taylor, Barbara Brown. An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith (p. 33). HarperCollins. Kindle Edition.

#### RENAISSANCE DAY FOR PASTOR



Here is a recent picture of Pastor Christie with her son Vincent enjoying the day at the Waynesville, OH Renaissance Festival.

She looks like she is having lots of fun and quite in tune with the fashion of the day.

#### **NAME TAGS**

As fall approaches and we are happily welcoming new visitors each week, all Hope members and regulars are encouraged to once again begin



wearing their name tags. Your name tag should be in your mailbox in the Hope narthex, and if you are unable to find it, please contact Mary Bryant mabryant@cinci.rr.com and a new one will be made for you. **Outreach Team** 

## FALL BIBLE STUDY – Teach us to Pray Thursdays @ 1 p.m.

Join for fun, fellowship and sharing God's word



together! This fall, our Bible Study series will focus on prayer.

Bible study meets Thursdays at 1p.m., and is available on zoom as well as in-person. Contact

Pastor Christie if you have any questions or are interested in joining via zoom.

See Pastor Christie's article in this Hope Herald for more information about the series, and please contact Pastor if you have resources on prayer to share, or if you might be interested in having a session of Bible Study that meets at an additional time besides Thursday afternoons. Pastor Christie looks forward to all of us sharing our knowledge together about this special and important topic of prayer.

Pastor Christie

Faith is like WiFi. It is invisible but it has the power to connect to what you need!

HEAR OUR

#### OCTOBER THANK YOU'S AND NEWS

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Hope members for their response to my latest (and, hopefully last) accident. The get-well wishes and care basket of "goodies" do so much toward lifting my spirits. Becky and I consider ourselves to be fortunate to have found a church with such caring and thoughtful people.

God bless you, Skip Lister

#### Mary Beth and All of the volunteers,

Thank you for providing the delicious meal for LBFE (Little Brothers Friend of the Elderly) at Parky's Farm. The food was wonderful and everyone enjoyed meeting your volunteers. This was a big treat for our friends and we appreciate you providing treats and making everything wonderful.

Thank you, <Missy Bushmann, LBFE

#### **HOPE'S NEWEST MEMBERS**

Two new members have joined our congregation. **John Groth**, from Lord of Life in West Chester, is retired from



30 years at Baker Concrete working as the treasurer. He earned his BS in Accounting from the University of Cincinnati after 9 years of night school. He now spends his time exercising in chair yoga and volleyball, walking a mile a day and reading. He wants us to know, being raised in lowa, he is an avid lowa Hawkeye fan. He says, "Go Hawks."!

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Jeanne Fuller, moved back to the west side of Cincinnati, transferring her membership from St. Paul's in Reading.

(She was a former member here before she moved away.) She has lived most of her life in Cincinnati and is passionate about faith, friends and dogs! In her leisure time you can usually find her either reading or walking in nature.



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jfuller730@gmail.com

Hope happily welcomes John and Jeanne into our church family!

#### **WORKING AT TIKKUN FARM**

On September 9 several from Hope and 3 other area Lutheran churches helped in various ways at Tikkun Farm in Mt. Healthy for "God's Work Our Hands Day." The group worked in the plant and tree nursery and greenhouse, built a bunny hatch, prepared crockpot food (to be given later to those in need), and packed recycling materials. Everyone had a wonderful time meeting the staff and working together with other Lutherans!

Pictured with the Hope workers is a former Hope



member, **Fred Boehner**, who attends Prince of Peace in Loveland.



Ruth Oehler and Juanita Huss in the nursery area.





Eva
McMasters
and Bea
Zimmer
were in the
kitchen
and office.



Pastor Pr.

Christie, Steve Huss and Joy Ivins were also outside working in the nursery/greenhouse area

Such a rewarding day playing in God's nature!

#### **WHOO AT PARKY'S FARM**

On Tuesday, September 12, the WHOO group, plus a few



men, gathered at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods to serve a luncheon for Little Brothers of the Elderly. Those attending were shown animals of

the petting zoo by 4 delightful park staffers.



The group enjoyed a grilled picnic lunch with food provided by our Hope members despite the rain

A big thank you to Becky Lister for organizing the trip and to Mary Beth Taylor for finalizing the plans when Becky's husband Skip fell and broke his leg requiring his hospitalization.

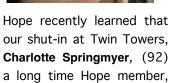
Thank you to all who donated food items or money and a special thank you to the Beneker Family for the delicious Angus hamburger patties! It was a delightful day for all!

#### IN REMEMBRANCE

On September 16 Mark Long, son of Ron and Bonnie



Long, son of Hon and Bonnie Long, after a well fought battle with esophageal cancer, entered eternal life. He is survived by his wife Margorie and many loving family members. He was only 49 years old.



passed away on April 8. She was nurse and an avid card and Bingo player who thoroughly enjoyed those past times until the last few years.

Our prayers of peace for their families!

#### **HOPE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS**

Check out our council secretary, **Debbie Schrader**, on the cover of the Women's World magazine! As you have seen in previous newsletters, she is an avid walker and has entered numerous walking marathons around the US.Get your copy autographed free if you ask her!





And here is **Miranda Sheppard** who is the District Manager of Butler County's 911 Dispatch Center that was recently featured on CPO Channel 9 news.

#### NARTHEX UNDER CONSTRUCTION

You may have noticed some changes and additions to the Narthex/Lobby area over the past several weeks, and there will soon be more to come! With some funding left over from a Narthex grant from several years ago, some wonderful members of the Outreach & Fellowship Committees are working diligently to bring us new furniture, lighting, and other decorations. Please pardon our mess in the meantime, and special thanks to all who are working on this project!

### Who are these masked women???

This pair is busy refinishing chairs for the big surprise coming to our Narthex/lobby.





Here they are unmasked for you to see. Our own Karen Schweinfest and Nan Davis working to upholster the newly refinished chairs.

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#### **OUTSTANDING OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Chris Arany Michelle Hunt Stotler Karen Schweinfest
- 2 Jacob Fetterman
- 5 Bea Zimmer
- 6 Andy Albright Elliot McMasters
- 8 Evan Schweinfest Heidi McKenna
- 9 Molly Abbott Isaac Williams Raphael Mehanzel
- 11 Josephine Tedesco
- 13 Jennifer Huth Emerie Leblanc
- 14 Bill Mack Marlyn Ford
- 15 Phil Klayer
- 16 Brad Abbott
- 20 Will Wendel

- 20 Rachel Williams Mike Schweinfest
- 21 Nicole Darnell Donna Dietz
- 23 Gary Freland Rachel Kless Tom Toth
- 24 Amelia Terbrueggen
- 25 Ron Long
- 27 Jay Hunt
- 30. Sue Kelbley
- 31 Danny Darnell Zac Gabbard Don Schneider



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

#### DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUR "BOOK NOOK"

in the "Book Nook" located in the Fellowship Hall. More books are added to the shelves frequently. There are also some books that men might find interesting. Be sure to check them out for

a little relaxing escape time!



SON Miniseries is very busy with our increasing number of families who get food, meats, cleaning supplies, diapers, and feminine or



incontinence products monthly. Personal care products are offered every other month.

During August SON distributed food and personal care items to 199 families that included 208 children and 349 adults for a grand total of *657* persons. *Notice the numbers are up!* 

For October SON is requesting children's socks (ages 2-6) and tomato sauce.

Thanks to all who donate to this much needed community effort!

BROWN PAPER GROCERY BAGS AND PLASTIC BAGS ARE NEEDED.

#### **CHRIST IN OUR HOME**

Don't forget to pick up a copy of "Christ In Our Home" for your daily devotional. Copies are available on the Narthex/lobby counter. Such a good way to center your day!



## WOMEN HELPING OTHERS AND OURSELVES

At the October 26th meeting in the Fellowship Hall we will discuss the possibility of collecting candy for the military as they did last fall.



Join the women at 6pm and bringing your light meal and then sharing in the discussion and dessert!

Be sure to check out page 4 for pictures of the group's |September activity at Parky's Farm!

#### **BEEF FOR SALE**

4K Farms, owned by **Crystal Beneker and Ryan Gries** have 2 quarters of beef to sell. November 5th is the



processing date with the meat ready the following week. Cost is \$2.50 per pound for live weight (as they in the pasture) paid to the farm-usually 1100 to 1400 pounds

total weight plus \$.65 processing paid to processor. Call Crystal with your questions at 513-910-8932.

#### **Crystal Beneker**

#### HOPE'S NURSERY IS OPEN

Don't forget that **Kayla Terbrueggen** is available during worship to care for Hope's youngest children if parents wish to take advantage of her services. It is a safe place with toys and activity.



## feel better

#### DOES SOMEONE NEED A LIFT?

All occasion cards are available for many different holidays and situations to show the friend or family member you care. Check out the assortment on the counter in the Narthex/lobby. And the beautiful prayer shawls, so loving made, are ready to put a

warm smile on someone's face.

#### **SOME HALLOWEEN HUMOR**

What is the scariest tree in the forest?

Bamboo!



Why shouldn't an angry witch take her broom trick or treating?

She might fly off the handle!

What is the vampire's favorite Halloween candy? Suckers!

## CHORAL FESTIVAL and WORKSHOP, CINCINNATI AREA

Saturday, October 14 11:00 AM with Worship at 5:00 PM Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7701 Kenwood Rd

This promises to be a wonderful day of worship, spiritual growth, music-making, fellowship, and sessions with special guest May Schwartz. She recently retired from a long career at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University, where she guided and prepared countless students to serve the church and the world as musical leaders, pastors, and deacons.

The day will end with a worship service at 5:00 PM featuring a combined choir from all our Cincinnatiarea Lutheran congregations, and leadership by our local Lutheran worship leaders- some of the finest musicians in Cincinnati! Attendees are welcome to register for a full day or to simply attend worship. This will be a fantastic event. You won't want to miss it! Contact Matthew Moquin-Lee for more information: (worship@firstlutherancincy.org)

## **ELCA National Youth Gathering & Young Adult Gathering**

July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans

Youth and Young

Adults – mark your calendars! Hope will join with other ELCA churches in the



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Cincinnati area to travel to New Orleans next summer. The National Youth Gathering is open to students currently in grades 8-12, and for the first time ever, there will be a Young Adult Gathering for ages 18-35. Chaperones are also needed. Yes, this is a long time away, but please contact Pastor Christie now if you think you or your youth/young adult might be at all interested in attending. Information sessions and fundraiser opportunities will begin soon, and additional information can be found online at https://www.elca.church/gathering. Please know that we will actively be seeking financial support so that all who are interested in this event can attend without the cost being prohibitive. This is life-changing faith formation opportunity, and we hope that many of you will consider attending! -

**Pastor Christie** 

#### **CONFIRMATION COUNTDOWN!**

Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for February 25, 2024! I am so excited to announce that 5 of our youth are on track to be confirmed in February. Please extend your support to these students – Xander Hermann, Pieper Hunt, Emma



at Hone

Sheppard, Adam Williams, and Rachel Williams – who have all been working very hard to learn about our church and their faith in preparation for Confirmation Sunday. I am very proud of these students we will all be happy to welcome them as full church members in February.

**Pastor Christie** 

#### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Date: October 20 (7pm-9pm) October 21(9am-3pm)



Name: "Go Deep and Laugh"

Place: t. John's Lutheran Church, 4937 St. Rd. 48, Lawrenceburg IN. 47025

**Topic:** Experience how connecting to the Lord bring harmony, hope, and joy.

This event is free (free will offering for lunch and snacks will be available) and open to all women.

RSVP: MARY ANN PETTIT BY OCTOBER 15

mpettit1228@gmail.com or 513-680-3212

Check the Hope bulletin board for more details!

Pastor Vicki Garber

## COLERAIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY "GIVE BACK" DAY

Saturday, October 7th 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

All Hope members & friends are invited to volunteer for this special event in our community hosted by



People Working Cooperatively. Many organizations throughout Colerain Township volunteer to help our neighbors in need with

yard work and basic home maintenance, as well as to clean up and beautify community areas. Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. Sign up in the Narthex to be part of Hope's team. Contact Debbie Schrader or Pastor Christie with questions. Pastor Christie

#### HOPE'S BOTTOM LINE

#### August 2023

#### General Fund



Total	M	ONTH	YTD			
Beginning Balance	\$	21,639.36	\$	22,843.59		
Revenues	\$	7,419.00	\$	\$ 133,701.92		
Expenses	\$	18.187.22	\$	\$ 156,496.37		
Transfers In	\$	0.00	\$	10,822.00		
Transfers Out	\$	0.00	\$	0.00		
Ending Balance	\$	10,871.14	\$	10,871.14		
Memorial Fund						
Beginning Balance	\$1	0,058.45	\$10,057.86			
Transfers In	\$	0.00	\$ 0.00			
Interest Income	\$	.08	\$			
Transfers Out	\$	0.00	\$ 0.00			
Total	\$	10,058.53	\$10,058.53			
Wilma Hoffman Fund						
Beginning Balance	\$	7,705.15	\$	17,696.79		
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$	0.00		
Interest Income	\$	.60	\$	8.96		
Disbursements	\$	.00	\$	10,700.00		
Ending Balance	\$	7,005.75	\$	7,005.75		
Mission Building Fun	d					
Beginning Balance	\$	14,396.77	\$	•		
Revenue	\$	0.00	\$	0.00		
Interest Income	\$	1.22	\$			
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$	0.00		
Ending Balance	\$	14,397.99	\$	14,397.99		
Capital One CD						
Beginning Balance	\$	53,695.62	\$			
Deposit	\$	0.00	\$			
Interest Income	\$		\$			
Disbursements	\$	0.00	\$			
Ending Balance	\$	53,912.03		\$ 53,912.03		
		Chris A	rar	ny, Treasurer		

#### **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

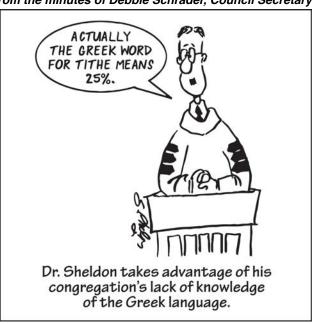




- **♦Ron Long, Financial Secretary:** Our total revenue for August was lower than usual.
- **♦ Chris Arany, Treasurer:** Year to date income is down over \$10,000.
- **+Lana Albright, Spiritual Life:** Cards with blue stone pocket heart hugs were purchased by her committee o send as needed. Their next meeting is November 21.
- **◆Joy Ivins, Worship/Music:** Planning is underway for all of the special fall and winter worship services. On Christmas 24 at 10 am service will be the 4th Sunday in Advent with a normal worship service and then a 5 pm Christmas Eve service.
- ♦Lenten evening services will feature 5 pastors rotating their messages between churches.
- **◆Erica Leppert**, **Christian Education**: There have been various craft projects during Children's Church and another possible generosity project in the future.

- **♦Bonnie Long, Generosity:** Time and Talent Forms and Commitment Statements are in the process. October 22 is Commitment Sunday. Children may have special Time and Talent sheets. The next meeting is September 24.
- **♦ Chuck Hasdorff, Property:** The new cleaning company started this month and is doing a good job.
- **◆Karen Schweinfest, Fellowship:** The Bonfire date has been changed to November 4th. The committee purchased white table clothes for church events and rentals
- **→ Jerry Ivins, Digital Ministry:** The permitting for the sign is still going very slow.
- **♦Pastor Christie:** She announced Pastor is attending a virtual class on "Dare to Lead."
- ◆The Cincinnati ELCA Conference gathering for church staff was held at Hope on September 14th.
- **♦Pr. Alice Connors** is no longer heading the Lutheran Edge House at UC. Good Shepherd Lutheran will continue to sponsor it until the school year ends with help from the Methodist church.
- **Sue Millard, President:** The council discussed the capital projects, and Sue will form a capital committee to look at the list and get quotes. Hopefully, a plan will be in place for the next meeting.
- **◆**Council voted in new members **John Groth and Jeanne Fuller**.
- **◆**The Nominating Committee for the 2024 Council is Mary Bryant, Chuck Hasdorff and Debbie Schrader.
- ♦Open positions for next year are Property Chair and Council Secretary.
- ♦The next council meeting will be on October 19th at 7pm in person.

From the minutes of Debbie Schrader, Council Secretary



ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE
OF THE HOPE HERALD ARE REQUESTED BY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND.

ARTICLES MAY BE EMAILED TO joyceivins@icloud.com or anytime before that date.

#### HOPE DIRECTORY APP

**FOR YOUR COMPUTER OR PHONE** Directions are on the church counter or check for Instant Church Directory.

\*Changes are continuously made. New pictures are requested. If you have changed your email address, you will need to re-enroll. It will not recognize the new email address for confidentiality purposes.

Please contact Jerry Ivins for any changes.

#### **KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM**

1. Visit KrogerCommunityRewards.com



2. Sign in to your online account, or THROUGH create an account.

3. Find and select Hope Lutheran and click "Enroll."

Hope's 5 digit number is 80286.

Please join today!

Hope received \$75.39 this quarter.

#### HOPE'S CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

To donate to Hope: Checks may be mailed to 4695 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, OH 45247 or brought to church.

Digital donations may be submitted at <a href="https://www.hopeonbluerock.org">www.hopeonbluerock.org</a> Click on "Giving" and then click on "Online Giving" and choose how you wish to donate - either by ChurchTrac or PayPal. For questions email Ron Long at <a href="mailto:finance@hopeonbluerock.org">finance@hopeonbluerock.org</a>

#### YELLOW BRICK ROAD CHILD CARE

We are proud of Kayla Willey's 2 Star award rating



for her child care facility!

Need childcare? Call 513-601-2596 or send an email to the address below: yellowbrickroadchildcare@gmail.com

#### PRAYER CHAIN INSTRUCTIONS

To submit a prayer chain request: Complete this online form <a href="https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-requests/">https://www.hopeonbluerock.org/prayer-requests/</a>, or send an email to <a href="prayer@hopeonbluerock.org">prayer@hopeonbluerock.org</a>, or call Pastor Christie 317-828-5949 (cell) 513-923-3370 (church office)

Interested in receiving prayer chain emails?



Email <u>prayer@hopeonbluerock.org</u> with your contact information and we will get you added to the list.

#### DON'T FORGET OUR NARTHEX BINS!

- -Used toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes and floss containers for UC Dental
- **-Food and personal care donations** for SON Ministries
- -Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- -Religious materials for Love Packages
- -Pill bottles that are Cleaned and without labels



- -New or gently used Books for Side-by-Side Ministry
- -Men's & Women's Clothing for Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

#### **HOW TO JOIN ZOOM EVENTS**

For the majority of our zoom meetings, the



instructions for joining on zoom are the same. See below for instructions, and contact Pastor Christie with questions or difficulties. In the occasional case that the zoom link is

different, instructions will be noted with the event publicity.

To join virtually Join via zoom on computer or smart phone: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3178285949?</a>
<a href="pwd=YSs1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09">pwd=YSs1QzNScVIMZzlkMkZpMTImVINLUT09</a>

Call in via telephone: 1-301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 317 828 5949Passcode: 4695

#### MORE HUMOR FOR YOU

TEACHER: Donald, What is the chemical

formula for water? DONALD: HIJKLMNO

TEACHER; What are you talking about? DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.



# MISSIONARY-MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.

#### What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- · Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet

#### What you do:

- 1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
- 2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
- 3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
- Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.

# Puzz]e!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets.

Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.) I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.) Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.) My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.) I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.) Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.) I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.) My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.) PROPHETS ARE

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel; Messengers



## October 2023

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November 2023

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Hope Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 = 10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream = 11:00 AM Confirmation Class	<ul> <li>10:00 AM SON @ GUMC</li> <li>5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours</li> <li>6:00 PM Praise Band</li> <li>7:00 PM Outreach Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	= 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	= 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC = 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	■ 10:30 AM Pastor Attending Virtual Dare to Lead Train- ing ■ 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	= 7:00 AM Pastor's Day Off	7:30 AM Colerain Township Community Give-Back Day
8 = 10:00 AM Worship: In-Per- son & Livestream	= 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC = 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours = 6:00 PM Praise Band	= 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	11  10:00 AM SON @ GUMC  10:30 AM Pastor Attending Virtual Dare to Lead Training  4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	= 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours = 1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)	= 7:00 AM Pastor's Day Off	14
Begins Generosity Campaign  10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	16  10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours 6:00 PM Praise Band	= 10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours	18  10:00 AM SON @ GUMC  10:30 AM Pastor Attending Virtual Dare to Lead Training 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	19  10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours  1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)  7:00 PM Council Meeting In-Person	= 7:00 AM Pastor's Day Off	= 10:00 AM Facility Hold for Kathi B
Generosity Commitment Sunday  10:00 AM Worship: In-Person & Livestream	= 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC = 5:00 PM Pastor's Office hours = 6:00 PM Praise Band	24  10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 6:00 PM Rental: Hidden Creek Northgate (R. Oehler)	25  10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours 10:00 AM SON @ GUMC 4:30 PM SON @ GUMC	26  10:00 AM Pastor's Office Hours  1:00 PM Bible Study (virtual & in-person)  6:00 PM WHOO Women	= 7:00 AM Pastor's Day Off	28
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We are anchored in faith and saved by God's grace. Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our purpose to invite all to know hope, love, and peace through Jesus Christ.



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